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October 25, 2004

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State of Louisiana  
Post Office Box 44275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, ELM  
GROVE FIELD, Bossier and Caddo Parishes,  
Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Bossier and Caddo Parishes, Louisiana:

1. To create two (2) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, such units being shown on the attached plat and being designated LCV RA SU89 and LCV RA SU90.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate a unit well for, and unit operator of, the proposed additional units as may be appropriate.
4. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E, effective July 16, 1996, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 361-E series of Orders, to the proposed additional units.
5. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E, effective July 16, 1996.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours

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in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated October 7, 2004, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set October 28, 2004, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the conference was received; therefore, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat (which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Elm Grove Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

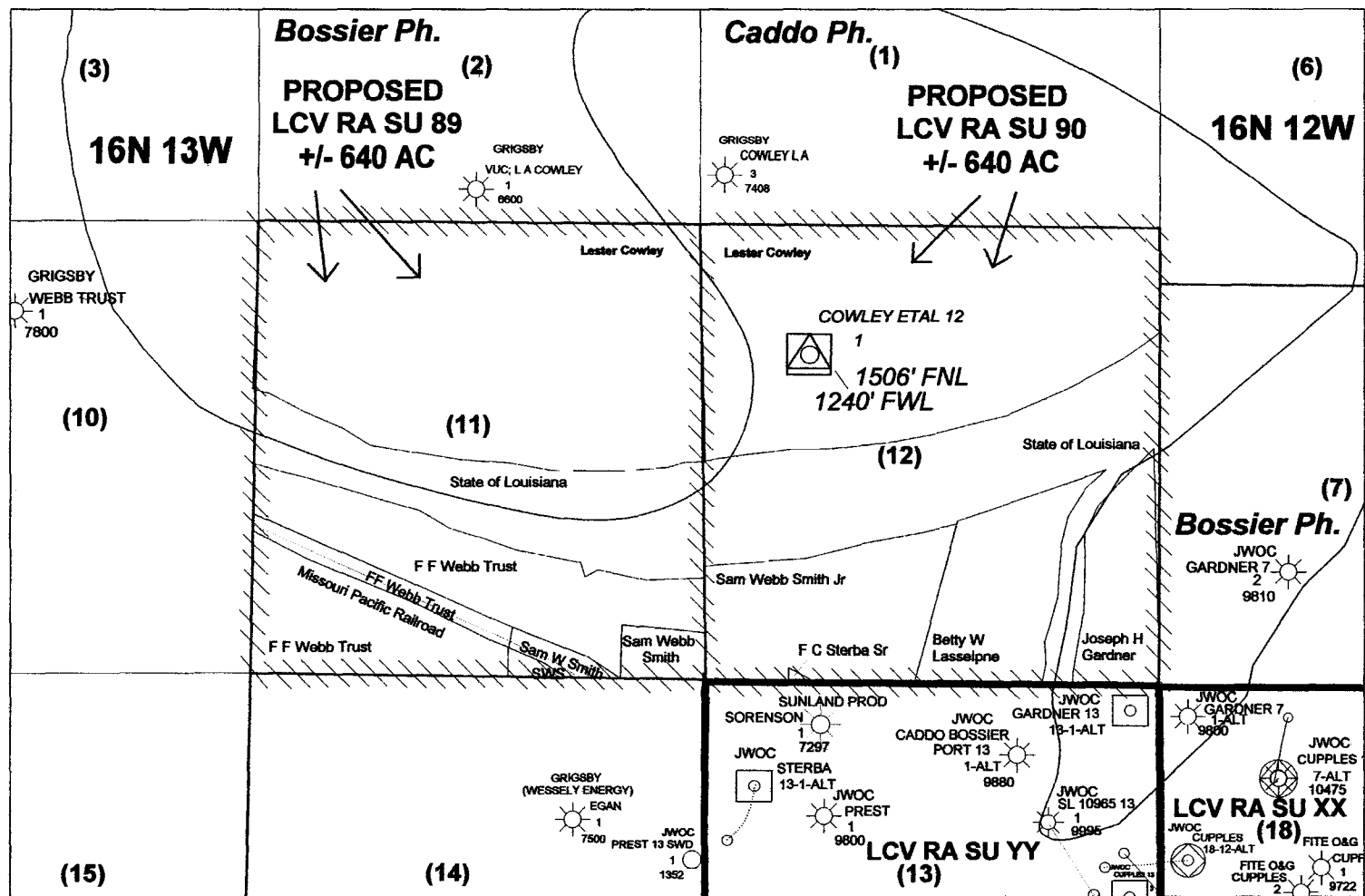
Yours very truly,

  
David L. Smelley

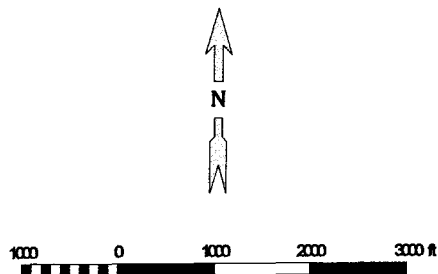
-- Attorney for J-W Operating Company

DLS:dp  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)  
Mr. Jerry Wooten (w/encls.)  
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented  
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)



LEGEND	
	Existing Units 361-E series
	Proposed Unit Well
	Unit Well
	Approved Alternate Unit Well
	Pending Alternate Unit Well
Posted Wells > 6000'	



<b>J-W OPERATING COMPANY</b> P.O. BOX 226406 DALLAS, TEXAS 75222-6406 OFFICE: (972) 233-8191 FAX: (972) 991-0704		
<b>Unit Plat - Lower Cotton Valley Zone</b> Reservoir "A" Elm Grove Field Caddo & Bossier Parishes, Louisiana		
Date:	Witness: Joe Adams	Docket No.
Exhibit 1	Scale: 1" = 2000'	??